all of the claims under the heading DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT and edits same into grammatically correct sentence structure. Also included are a reference number memory (16), which stores successive even numerals beginning with the number ten, and a Figure number memory (18), which stores the highest Figure number used to identify Figures of the drawings. A reference number processor (20) is responsive to the Figure number memory (18) for searching and adding an reference numerals to the element names in the order of occurrence. An abstract processor (22) is included for selecting and storing and duplicating abstract sentences into the abstract from the description. A parenthesis processor (24) is included for automatically enclosing each reference numeral within parentheses in claims and in the abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A method of preparing a patent application with a computer comprising the steps of:

storing a document template in a computer program which contains the headings:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1) Field of the Invention

2) Description of the Prior Art

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION AND ADVANTAGES